



December 5, 2018

**RE: Senate Bill 1035**

To whom it may concern:

**I write to you today on behalf of the 400 members of the *Livingston County Wildlife and Conservation Club* (LCWCC) in support of Senate Bill 1035. This bill would amend the General Property Tax Act to exempt real property owned and occupied by a qualified sportsmen's club and used for the primary purpose for which that club was incorporated from the collection of taxes under the Act. I also write to you as a "Qualified Sportsmen's Club".**

Founded in 1952 and located in Hamburg, Michigan, the Livingston County Wildlife and Conservation Club is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. With 400 family memberships, LCWCC is dedicated to furthering the cause of conserving our natural resources, providing recreation and entertainment for its members, and moral and/or physical or financial assistance to civic and community activities; including, but not limited to the following:

- "Toys for Tots"
- "Giving Tree" (LCWCC members purchase Xmas gifts for several needy families)
- Donations to the "Camp for Ventilator Dependent Children"
- "Meals on Wheels" – i.e, each Thanksgiving we prepare the food, package and deliver. In 2018 we delivered 125 meals. LCWCC also prepares a Thanksgiving Dinner that is served to those that have no where to go for the holiday. This year 240 were served. There is no charge but donations are accepted.

LCWCC offers or has offered the following classes to educate its members and the community in the following areas:

- Hunter Safety with a 100% graduation rate (2 classes are offered each year)
- Boater Safety
- Snowmobile Safety
- Bow Hunter Safety – International Bow Hunter Education Program classes are offered
- Archery Leagues (summer and winter)

- CPL classes
- Children Conservation Awareness classes. In past classes, the attending children have made bat houses and birdhouses.

Our shooting range is offered free of charge to the Whitmore Lake Correctional Facility to be used for their training / practice sessions as often as they request.

The Livingston County Wildlife and Conservation Club is also a voting facility for elections.

Our club is a member of the Michigan United Conservation Club (MUCC), which is the largest statewide conservation organization in the nation. MUCC works to conserve Michigan's Natural Resources and Protect Our Outdoor Heritage.

LCWCC offers scholarships to area high school students perusing degrees in conservation awareness.

As our pledge states....

*"I give my pledge as an American to save and to faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country, its air, soil and minerals, its forests, water and wildlife."*

This is who we are.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Weeks".

Pat Weeks  
President  
Livingston County Wildlife and Conservation Club